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For: **COMMUNICATION INTERFACE FOR A FINANCIAL MODELING AND COUNSELING SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the Application and consider the remarks as hereafter provided.

This is a clean copy of the specification and claims. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims. The attached pages are captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification starting with paragraph 1 of page 1 as follows:

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FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to a web-enabled computerized information systems and more particularly to Internet-based financial modeling and counseling systems.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Financially prudent individuals typically engage in extensive planning to develop plans that will aid them in achieving their financial goals. Traditionally, many individuals have entrusted their financial plans to personal financial advisors.